Public Service Commission of South Carolina Docket No. 2020-247-A

Response to Notice of Draft Bill Insert June 21, 2021

AARP South Carolina, on behalf of its 600,000 50+ members, appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Draft Bill Insert circulated on June 14, 2021.

We support the suggested edits of Sue Berkowitz on behalf of South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center. We would, however, make additional points, based upon our previous comments regarding Plain Language writing:

- 1. The notice does not put the most important information first: "ABC Electric Company has asked the PSC to approve its electric tariff for customers with rooftop solar. The tariff would change your bill." This information hides in a block of text larded with Code citations which you should move to the end or footnotes.
- 2. "Your participation or attendance is not required" violates two principles of Plain Language. You wrote in the passive voice and you included a hidden verb, "participation." "You do not have to provide input or attend."

We note that the parenthetical "(PSC)" belongs in the second bullet at the top and not below its first use.